

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 18, 2007
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

# Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair	# Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear
* Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Vice Chair	# Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler
# Councilmember Ron Aames, Peoria	# Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
# Kent Andrews, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	* Eneas Kane, DMB Associates
# F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee	* Mark Killian, The Killian Companies/ Sunny Mesa, Inc.
# Councilmember Gail Barney, Queen Creek	# Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
# Stephen Beard, SR Beard & Associates	# Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
# Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert	* Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
* Dave Berry, Swift Transportation	David Scholl, Westcor
# Jed S. Billings, FNF Construction	* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
# Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye	# Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa County

* Not present
Participated by telephone conference call
+ Participated by videoconference call

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) was called to order by Chair Peggy Bilsten at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

The roll call of members was taken.

Chair Bilsten requested that members of the public turn in their public comment cards to staff. Chair Bilsten stated that transit tickets for those who used transit to attend the meeting and parking garage ticket validation were available from MAG staff. She noted the items that were previously transmitted to Committee members: for agenda items #4, #5B, #5C, and #5D, a memorandum reporting the unanimous recommendations on these items by the Management Committee; for agenda items #5E and #5F, the addenda to the agenda and supporting materials. Chair Bilsten asked Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, if there were additional announcements. Mr. Smith announced to members that

the August TPC meeting, which was scheduled on an “if necessary” basis, will probably be held to discuss acceleration funds. Mr. Smith noted that further information would be forthcoming.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Bilsten stated that an opportunity is provided to the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. She noted that an opportunity is provided to comment on agenda items posted for action at the time the item is heard. No requests for public comment were received.

4. FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

Jason Stephens, MAG Public Involvement Planner, provided the Transportation Policy Committee with a report on the input received on the draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update. Mr. Stephens noted that the information presented was included the Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

Mr. Stephens stated that MAG has a four-phase public involvement process: Early Phase, Mid Phase, Final Phase, and Continuous Involvement. Mr. Stephens stated that opportunities provided for public input included MAG Policy Committees, the Juneteenth History Festival, and the Final Phase Transportation Open House and Public Hearing, which was held on June 18, 2007. He reviewed some of the comments received during the Final Phase. Chair Bilsten thanked Mr. Stephens for his report. No comments from the Committee were noted. No requests for public comment were received.

Councilmember Aames moved to recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Mayor Bryant seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Bilsten stated that public comment is provided for consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. She noted that no public comment cards on the consent agenda, items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, and #5F, were received. Chair Bilsten asked members if they had questions or would like to hear any of the consent agenda items individually. No requests were noted.

Mayor Hallman moved to recommend approval of the consent agenda. Mayor Dunn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of May 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Policy Committee, by consent, approved the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes.

5B. Proposed Major Amendment to Delete SR 153 from the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

The Transportation Policy Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153 and use the available funding for improvements to SR 143 and that the Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis. On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council requested consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153, the Sky Harbor Expressway and use the available funding for improvement to SR 143. Formal comment on the proposed major amendment is required from the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Cities and towns, Indian communities, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) may also provide comments. On June 15, 2007, the State Transportation Board recommended approval. On June 18, 2007, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recommended approval and on June 21, 2007 the Regional Public Transportation Authority also recommended approval of the proposed major amendment. On July 11, 2007, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval.

5C. Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Policy Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update with applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans. Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (including city and privately funded projects) are required by federal law to be included in the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. In April 2007, the Draft FY 2008-2012 TIP was approved by Regional Council to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft 2007 RTP Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. On July 11, 2007, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update.

5D. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

The Transportation Policy Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans. The Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update has been prepared as part of the continuing MAG regional transportation planning process. The Draft 2007 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2007. A technical conformity analysis was performed on the RTP and the Draft MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and demonstrated that they meet all air quality conformity requirements. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP 2007 Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. On July 11, 2007, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of

the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP.

5E. Amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Policy Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an Amendment to the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, as listed on the attached table. The FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 26, 2006. Since that time, two projects have been identified that need to be amended into the TIP. An amendment is required to add two City of Phoenix projects related to bridge management computer software and bridge inspection equipment rental, which will be funded with local and Bridge-Federal Funds. These projects were recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on October 26, 2006.

5F. Amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Include the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Paving Projects

The Transportation Policy Committee, by consent, recommended approval to amend the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Paving Projects totaling \$6.044 million and to fund the projects by adding \$1.044 million of FY 2007 MAG federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds to the previously approved \$5 million of CMAQ funds for the projects. On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved thirteen additional measures for the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter. One of the new measures is that MAG allocate \$5 million in FY 2007 MAG federal funds matched on a 50/50 basis by MAG member agencies for paving dirt roads and shoulders projects and that these projects be immediately submitted to MAG for consideration at the July meetings of the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council. PM-10 Paving Projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa PM-10 Nonattainment Area and eleven applications requesting \$6,044,673 in FY 2007 CMAQ funding were received. On July 11, 2007, the MAG Management Committee recommended the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Paving Projects recommended by the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, including the City of Goodyear shoulder project for a combined total of \$6.044 million.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary